

**Town of Richmond
Planning Board Public Hearing
March 3, 2020 7:00 PM Veterans Hall**

Members Present:

Stacie Maillet (Chairman)
Richard Drew
Jed Butterfield (Alt.)
Doug Bersaw (Selectman's Rep.)

Members Absent:

Lloyd Condon, (Vice Chairman)
Jason Macdonald
Seth Reece
Doug Smith, (Secretary)
Butch Morin (Alt.)

Public; Dane D'Arcangelo (Arborist Eversource Energy).

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM
Jed Butterfield seated for Doug Smith.

1. Public:

No one from the public.

2. Eversource Public Hearing Scenic Roads:

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 PM.

The public hearing is a request under RSA 231:158 to trim trees on all scenic roads in the Town of Richmond. Dane D'Arcangelo certified arborist for Eversource Energy was present with a list of roads to address and to answer any questions the board might have.

Many of the roads on the list presented have electrical lines maintained by Eversource Energy but are not considered town roads they are private roads (see attached).

The removal of limbs less than four inches in diameter which are located within eight feet to the side of, ten feet below or fifteen feet above conductors. All work will be performed in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards, all brush and limbs will be chipped. Asplundh will perform the trimming and it is a part of the contract for Asplundh to contact each landowner prior to commencement of work on their property.

Motion made by Richard Drew to grant permission to trim all Town Roads on application and any Town Roads that may be omitted. Seconded by Stacie Maillet. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Dane D'Arcangelo will return in the near future with an assessment of trees that are totted, diseased or otherwise defective and could cause severe power outages in the future. The requirements of the RSA 231:158 specifies a woody plant 15" in circumference at 4' above the ground. Under the RSA this will require a second public hearing.

THESE MINUTES MAY BE APPROVED AND /OR AMENDED AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Motion made by Stacie Maillet to close the public hearing. Seconded by Richard Drew. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Public Hearing closed at 7:22 PM.

3. Mail:

No Mail.

4. Minutes February 4, 2020:

Under 3. Mail: Last sentence, change the word Bitch to **Butch**.

Motion made by Richard Drew to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Jed Butterfield. Three in favor. 1 abstention. Motion carries.

5. Moving to the Civil Defense building:

The Planning Board set aside March 7, 2020 as a possible move in date to the Civil Defense Building. After reviewing the condition of the room, it was decided to hold off. The bathroom is dirty, has a pile of about 50 magazines tossed against the wall and a broken toilet seat. The meeting room still has a large table in the area for the Board's meeting space. The floor needs to be cleaned, a filing cabinet in disrepair is on the floor, old lumber and buckets of sand. With the present condition of the room it's not ready to be open to the public. It was decided to hold off until the Planning Boards March 17, 2020 meeting to decide on a move in date.

Doug Bersaw would bring the information back to the Selectmen and arrange for the room to be cleaned.

6. Other:

1. Richard Drew:

Jed Butterfield wanted to acknowledge the time Richard Drew spent serving as a volunteer and the volunteer time he's given to the Town of Richmond. Richards's expertise will be missed. Richard has served as a member of the Planning Board for many years in the capacity of a full board member as well as Vice Chairman and Chairman.

Motion made by Jed Butterfield to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Richard Drew. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kandace Mattson